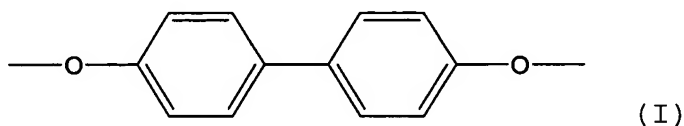


Amendments to Claims

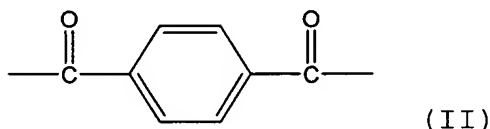
13. (New) A composition, comprising, a liquid crystalline polymer having repeat units of the formula

(1)

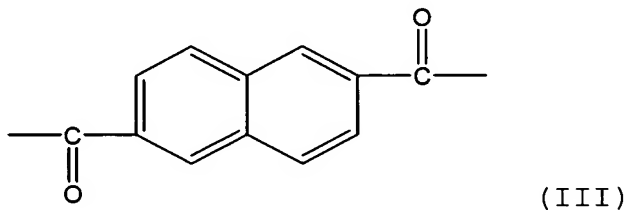
(a)



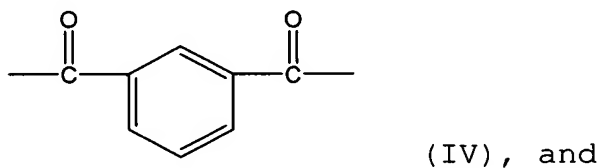
(b)



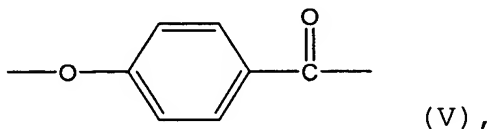
(c) one or both of



and



(d)



wherein per 100 molar parts of (I), (II) is 85-98 molar parts, (III)+(IV) is 2-15 molar parts, and (V) is 100 to 225 molar parts, provided that the molar ratio of (I)/((II)+(III)) is about 0.90 to about 1.10; and

(2) 5 to about 1000 ppm of an alkali metal cation.

14. (New) The composition as recited in claim 13 wherein said alkali metal is lithium, sodium or potassium.

15. (New) The composition as recited in claim 14 wherein said alkali metal cation is potassium.

16. (New) The composition as recited in claim 13 wherein about 10 to about 100 ppm of alkali metal cation is present.